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REF: A. AMB. THACHER'S LETTER TO GOV. HALL, 12 AUG 73
B. WRAMPMEIER LETTER TO DEFORD, 23 AUG 73

1. REQUEST THAT GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA DAVID HALL (OKLAHOMA CITY) BE INFORMED (PER REF A WHICH BEING POUCHED TO DESK) HE MAY WISH NOW EXTEND INVITATION VISIT OKLAHOMA TO RSAF DELEGATION WHICH PLANNING VISIT US IN OCTOBER. ALTHOUGH DELEGATION MAKEUP AND ITINERARY NOT YET FIRM, BELIEVE, BECAUSE OF TIME FACTOR, HE SHOULD ISSUE INVITATION NOW. DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY BE HEADED BY KFAA COMMANDANT, COL ABDUL MUHSIN AL-ANQARI, AND INCLUDE DIRECTOR OF TRAINING COL SADIQ JOHARJI AND LTC ALI GENDI, OIC ACADEMIC AFFAIRS. EMBASSY OF COURSE HAPPY TO FORWARD INVITATIONS TO MODA ON BEHALF GOVERNOR HALL.

2. GOVERNOR'S INTEREST INVITING TEAM TO VISIT OKLAHOMA PROBABLY GENERATED BY DAN MCDEVITT, HEAD OF RADIUS, SMALL OKLAHOMA FIRM THAT WISHES PROVIDE INSTRUCTORS AND CURRICULUM ADVICE TO KFAA WITH ASSISTANCE OKLAHOMA STATE U. LETTERS FROM DCM HORAN TO MCDEVITT OF APRIL 2, APRIL 22 AND APRIL
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24 CONVEYED INFO THAT AGREEMENT REACHED FOR THESE SERVICES BE-

TWEEN UK (LORD CARRINGTON), BAS, AND MODA. AMB. THACHER'S LETTER (REF A) MOREOVER INFORMED GOVERNOR HALL: "CONCERNING RADIUS PROPOSAL, OFFICIALS OF ACADEMY FOUND IT TOO COMPLICATED AND COSTLY FOR THEIR NEEDS. INSTEAD THEY HAVE CONCLUDED A 5-YEAR CONTRACT WITH BRITISH AIRWORKS CORP. WHICH THEY FEEL FITS THEIR NEEDS AT PRESENT TIME. I WOULD THINK, HOWEVER, THAT RADIUS MIGHT PRESENT A MORE MODEST PROPOSAL ABOUT MID-WAY THROUGH CURRENT CONTRACT PERIOD, WHEN ACADEMY OFFICIALS WILL NO DOUBT HAVE CLEARER IDEA OF THEIR FUTURE NEEDS."

3. MCDEVITT HAS ALSO APPEALED FOR SUPPORT TO AMB W.B. EBERLE, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. FOLLOWING EX-CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN AMB. THACHER AND AMB. EBERLE, LATTER INFORMED MCDEVITT (MAY 15) "AFTER NEGOTIATIONS LASTING MANY MONTHS, THE SAUDI ARABIAN AND BRITISH GOVTS ON MAY 7 SIGNED A NEW 5-YEAR AGREEMENT (FOR) OPERATION OF THE KING FAISAL AIR ACADEMY." IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF DEPT COULD POINT OUT TO GOVERNOR'S OFFICE THAT IT UNLIKELY RADIUS COULD AT THIS STAGE CAUSE SAG TO CHANGE CONTRACT CONCLUDED BETWEEN SAG, BAC AND BRITISH MINISTER OF DEFENSE, ALTHOUGH TOUR OF OSU COULD BE BENEFICIAL IN VIEW OF MODA'S POSSIBLE FUTURE TRAINING NEEDS. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE MAY BE INTERESTED THAT SAUDI MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAS MOST SUCCESSFUL AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA FOR LATTER TO PROVIDE INTENSIVE PROGRAM OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION FOR SAUDI OFFICIALS.

4. EMBASSY WRITING SEPARATELY TO MCDEVITT INFORMING HIM (A) OF MODA'S LACK OF INTEREST IN RADIUS PROPOSAL, (B) GOV. HALL INFORMED OF KFAA TEAM VISIT TO US WHICH PLANNED FOR OCT., AND (C) EMBASSY REGRET MR. WILLIAM ABBOTT OF OSU DID NOT CALL AT EMBASSY DURING TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA IN JUNE. EMBASSY ALSO WRITING GOVERNOR TO ENCLOSE COPY OF LETTER TO MCDEVITT; WILL MENTION THAT DEPT. SHOULD HAVE CONTACTED HIM RE INVITATIONS.

5. EXCHANGES OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN EMBASSY AND GOVERNOR'S OFFICE HAVE TAKEN IN PAST MORE THAN SIX WEEKS. IN VIEW OF MCDEVITT TESTINESS AND MODA TEAM'S DEPARTURE FOR STATES IN PERHAPS MONTH'S TIME, EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING SEEMS ADVISABLE. THACHER

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